

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WITH THE LODI ARTS COMMISSION
HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE ~ CRETE HALL
125 S. HUTCHINS STREET, LODI
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2004**

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Special Joint City Council meeting with the Lodi Arts Commission of April 19, 2004, was called to order by Mayor Hansen at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Council Members – Beckman, Hitchcock, Howard, and Mayor Hansen

Absent: Council Members – Land

Present: Arts Commissioners – Bader, Callahan, Crabtree, Falos, Heinitz, Inman, Metcalf, Phillips, and Stockar

Absent: Arts Commissioners – Hostler and Clemons

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, Interim City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Blackston

B. TOPIC(S)

B-1 "Discussion of items of mutual concern"

Community Center Director Silvestre reviewed the community-wide needs assessment report (filed), which documented strengths, weaknesses, and general characteristics of Lodi's arts and cultural needs. The report constituted the first phase of a two-part process to create the Arts Commission's five-year plan. Report methods included written surveys from the public, Lodi Unified School District, local agencies, public workshops, a focus group, and profiling of local arts resources.

Commissioner Crabtree outlined the mission, vision, and goals of the Arts Commission. Its goals include drafting the five-year plan, continuing the grant program, increasing revenue from arts classes by 30%, increasing overall class registration by 40%, and evolving the current course catalog into a community-wide Arts Directory.

Discussion ensued regarding the grant program criteria and funding.

Commissioner Crabtree emphasized the importance of the Arts Coordinator position, which is currently vacant. He stated that the loss of this position has greater impact, due to the small number of staff resources available to the Commission, and believed that its continued unfunded status jeopardizes the Arts programs.

City Manager Flynn pointed out that in 1995 the Community Center had five authorized positions and today there are ten. He suggested that the Commission prioritize its needs.

Commissioner Heinitz presented a gift of a tree to Community Center Director Silvestre in thanks for her work and in recognition for having recently moved to Lodi.

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk